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Building Connections Every Step of the Way

We had such a long, cold, dark and nasty winter. But spring is picking up with lung green bushes, beautiful blooms and renewed everything. Everything that’s been rainy or so a severe storm has started to pass. Even with the lingering winter rains, we’ve got some tomatoes bumping along in our greenhouse, interrupting power outages and damaging the trees.

When such events happen in our area, our community responds. Jewish tradition compels us to welcome the stranger and help those who need it. Our community building opened its doors to those who lost power or suffered damage to their homes and invited them to take a hot shower, power up their devices, rest and relax. Just as we were astronomically the first by the those of help, we were proud to return the favor to the greater community. While our efforts were not rosy as a severe storm stepped up to ensure that our community building and a plethora of new and dynamic programs and facilities to enrich all ages. We are BUILDING connections every step of the way.

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This year, we have experienced greater attrition than in years past with successful. This year, we have experienced greater attrition than in years past with the passing of several generous donors. The 2018 campaign will close on July 31. Please, if you haven’t yet had the opportunity to make your pledge or if you can find it in your heart to increase the pledge you have already made, we need your help and it is greatly appreciated.

It’s hard to believe that a year has passed since we gathered at Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy to mark the conclusion of the 2016-2017 year. At that time, we still found ourselves displaced from the fire and were just beginning to dream about rebuilding. We gathered together to give thanks to all those who saved the day, and stepped up to ensure that our community moved forward.

Today, we look back and see a world transformed. We look to the future and see new connections being built and a plethora of new and dynamic programs and facilities to enrich all ages. As we are BUILDING connections every step of the way.

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The Tillie L. and Albert B. Friedman Fund for Jewish Education in honor of Sophia, Aaron and Benjamin Barrows was proud to partner with our sister Federations, Connecticut Valley Region, including several members of our Greater New Haven chapters. The teams took the lead in Public Housing for the bill by storm, leading up to the front of the Education Committee. The legislation takes effect on July 1, 2018.

Michael Bloom, Director of JFACT, said they were thrilled with the passage of the legislation. “As we have seen in recent surveys, Holocaust and genocide education is needed in our schools to prevent the repeating the same mistakes in the present and future.”

“Often, we are called in to educate after an incident has occurred,” said Steve Ginsburg, the Director of the AJA’s Connecticut Regional Office, who testified before the Education Committee in March, “Hoping to avoid repeating the same mistakes in the present and future.”

Harriet Friedman’s primary motivation behind setting up this fund was to honor her parents “in a very special way.” “My parents, Aaron and Ben, are their grandchildren (my children),” she explains. “My mother died in 2011, my father in 2015, but the kids are filled with memories of being with them… especially on Jewish holidays.”

Synagogue, Jewish education and Jewish law were all central themes in Harriet Friedman’s Philadelphia childhood home. As first generation Americans, her parents “opted to direct their inestimable resources to get the best Jewish education the education for their kids,” both Harriet and her brother Sidney attended a K-8 comprehensive, after school Hebrew religious/academic and continued their Jewish studies through high school courses at Groatz College. When she finally settled into New Haven, Harriet was able to find a similar “rich foundation of Jewish learning and a template for Hebrew studies,” for her children at Ezra Academy. “My parents were incredibly pleased,” she recalls, “as for as they were able, they participated in Ezra-events… attended the kindergarten and first grade prayer book functions and their joy was palpable.” She would send her father images and recordings of “my kids reading Torah or leading the service at Ezra and he would rejoice.”

Friedman feels lucky to be able to honor her parents by creating a Donor Advised Fund and to direct it toward furthering Jewish education in their ‘adopted’ home, New Haven. “I think Jewish education is so important for our children and communities,” she adds. “My parents really believed this, as does my family.”

To find out how to create your Donor Advised Fund to further Jewish education here in our “adopted” home of New Haven.

Shalom New Haven

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We are so pleased that the state of Connecticut has become the 10th state in the Union to pass Holocaust and genocide education legislation,” said Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. “The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven was proud to partner with our sister Federations, JFACT and ADL in support of and to help recruit New Haven residents to attend the Donor Advised Fund event for their Donor Advised Fund. It is our charge to the Greater New Haven Jewish community to be a part of this movement.”

Funds supported by the Title I and Title II programs

As a special treat, the meeting will be followed by an ice cream reception, complete with assorted toppings. The evening include the graduation of the Kavod Society, Robert Eisner Community Leadership Awards, Robert M. Pite Youth Award. Excellence in Jewish Education and the Robert R. Pite Youth Award. Excellence in Jewish Education and the Robert R. Pite Youth Award.

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They paraded through a sea of blue and white, led by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Every conceivable Jewish organization from A to Z – the Anti-Defamation League to the Zionist Organization of America - was represented. The marchers included scores of synagogues and day schools, Israeli Big & Tall Guys, "Moishe (medieval) Clowns," the Shomrim Society of Jewish police officers, Jewish Women's Army, and a swarm of pit bull "Chai Ridders.

All walked in a line up Fifth Avenue on a warm Jewishish pride, as Israeli singers performed atop floats, banners turned Jewish and thousands waved Israeli flags, cheered and even cried.

And we, members of the Greater New Haven Jewish community, are so very proud of how we’re doing for over a decade now. (see photos)

This year’s annual Celebrate Israel Parade, held on June 3, drew all accounts the largest and most spirited ever seen in New York City. And it’s no wonder that the parade was the 70th birthday of the Jewish state!

The leadership of Rabbi Avri Wainhaus, of Congregation Beth El, and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Board member Deb Gaudette led a strong showing from New Haven, Wainhaus, who has spearheaded New Haven’s Jewish participation in the parade for more than a decade, explained his passion for the event: “As members of American society, we live in a time of increasing divisiveness and partisanship. But this annual event allows us to celebrate a feeling seldom experienced these days: the feeling of unity. Visibility. Jewish Gov- ing up by a Yiddish-speaking neighborhood, I’ll often hear the aphorism: “You maven, poyv, over yiden velt mit.” Or “What we are, we are, but beneath our differences, we’re all Jewish.”

The parade is a way to be of a crucial, positive, and compassionate force on an important and wonderful message: Whether we are observant or non-observant, Republican Jews or Democrat. Jews, we are all Jewish!

When we see ourselves in one another, we are always believed that our purpose, since the birth of the Jewish state, was to broadcast G-d’s dreams of global unity. But truly, that’s the feeling of unity – specifically, Jewish unity. Grow ing forward, forward to meet new people, making new friends, building great memories and keeping the relations strong and unified. Noa and Ziv will be hosted by Amalya Brownstein. Noa and Ziv will be attending UConn. Senior Class President Natalie Shclover has been accepted into the school’s Honors Program.

Senior Danny Goldblum, of Stanford, has committed to Washington University in St. Louis to study Biomedical Engineering. Senior Julia Arnowitz, of Wilton, has committed to University College in Pennsylvania for Psychology, and senior Emily Sklar, also of Wilton, will be attending Yale. We all wish to congratulate and celebrate that wonderful and important message: We are, but beneath our differences, we’re all Jewish.”

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March of the Living Trip

by Nurt Kahl

The Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven are installing solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof of the Beckerman Lender building. The new 322 kW system expands on the JCC solar carports installed in 2014 and 2015, which provide 880,000 kWh. This was the largest solar carport project in Connecticut at the time of its installation. Coupled with the co-gen unit owned by the JCC, the capacity generated from clean sources will supply more than 78 percent of the JCC’s electricity needs.

The new panels will help reduce the JCC’s carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 3,600 tons and lower the cost to the JCC, with energy savings over the life of the system expected to surpass $650,000.

The funding comes from Connecticut Green Bank through Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing and energy efficiency improvements (PPA). This program allowed the JCC to add solar with no money down, and a third-party owner and operator the solar to maximize its benefits.

The Jewish Federation and JCC are the first nonprofit in Connecticut to use C-PACE to secure a PPA.

“We’re excited that the project made it possible for the JCC to replace a cogeneration system that’s almost reached the end of its life,” said Scott Cohen, Executive Director of the JCC of Greater New Haven. “As a mission-driven organization, we pay very close attention to our impact, not only the people that we serve but on the environment as well.”

“The Green Bank is proud to work with the JCC on their third C-PACE financed project,” said Mackey Dykes, Vice President of Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Programs at the Green Bank.

“It is especially encouraging to witness their enthusiasm for the fire and their continued commitment to their sustainability goals.”

The JCC of Greater New Haven has taken additional steps toward sustainability since renovating the Beckerman Lender building after a devastating fire in December 2016.

New energy-saving LED lighting was installed in all public spaces and Stylus has been eliminated in all operations.

The new solar panels are expected to be fully functional by early fall. The roofer is MAC Roofing, and the solar system installer is AEC Solar LLC.

The Jewish Community Building Goes Even Greener

By Nurit Kahl

Come Create at the JCC’s New MakerSpace!

The JCC’s MakerSpace merges Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) to spark learning and foster self-expression for all ages. The space features both “neat” and “messy” areas to accommodate a variety of activities. Go jccbn.org for details.

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5779 Is Coming! Get Your News In Now!

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Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, support- ers and attendees for helping make the 2018 Spring Celebration a success! The celebration, which took place on Sunday, May 6, at the JCC in Woodbridge, was attended by over 250 people. Master of Ceremony Joel Sachs, JFS Board Member, introduced several esteemed speakers as Rabbi Herbert Brockman of Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Joan and David Adelson, long-time friend of Joe Adler, and Amy Rashba. JFS’s Acting Executive Director, Rachel Sciortino Dobin, Director of the JFS Social Work Outreach Services Program (SOS), discussed Adler’s vision and the foundation the JFS has been able to build in the last eight years. The night included live music provided by Tim Moran Woodwinds, testimonials from beneficiaries of the SOS Program and a history of the extensive community involvement made by Joe Adler to the Jewish community, the Greater New Haven community and Israel. President Stanley and to all the generous contributors and donors, we say thank you. We are grateful for the many generous individuals who were able to give, including: many thanks to their corporate sponsor Morgan Stanley and to all the generous contributors and attendees.

Specifically, this season’s One Happy Camper New Haven awarded $15,000 to 100 children for overnight summer camp… locally or a little further afield. “We’re fortunate to offer a two-prong program that includes needs-blind incentive grants for first-time campers, as well as needs-based aid for first-time and returning campers,” explains Lisa Stanger, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. “This approach enables us to reach a broad spectrum and impact many different families.”

JFS is collecting new school supplies for children and teens whose families use their agency services. They would like to pro- vide for these 100 plus children and teens between the ages of 4-17.

The items they are seeking include: new backpacks; crayons (thin and the thick ones); one subject, wide-ruled and college-ruled notebooks; two-pocket folders; child-safe scissors; colored pencils; water-based markers; white glue sticks; pencils; large erasers; loose-leaf notebook paper; construction paper; graph paper; highlighters; and Post-it notes.

Donations can be dropped off at the JFS main office, 1440 Whalley Ave., New Haven (second floor). In addition, donations may be dropped off at the JFS Food Pantry, first floor (in Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you represent an organization, business or school and you would like to conduct a collection to assist them, please contact shagner@jfsnh.org.

They are currently accepting donations and will start distributing the supplies for the children by mid-August. Please drop off your donations to JFS by Friday, Aug. 17.

Looking for Families Who Adopted Through JFS Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is looking for adoptive families who have worked with JFS to complete their adoptions. For National Adoption Month in November, JFS will be holding a celebration to recognize these adoptive families and children and wants to ensure that no families who want to attend the celebration are left behind. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Rashba at (203) 389-5599 x113 or arashba@jfsnh.org.

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The Spa at the J Offers Variety of Massage Therapies, Skin Care

Skin care is a new service on our menu. With all of the changes in our environment, we felt that providing treatments for the largest organ of the body was important. Our aestheticians can assist you in not only looking younger and healthier but also keeping your skin safe from all the harmful contaminants that we “face” daily. The benefits of therapeutic massage are profound especially as the world around us becomes more stressed, aggressive and anxiety-ridden. Many companies are beginning to adopt therapeutic massage therapy in their own organizations and are actively encouraging their employees to have ongoing treatments. The most common way people utilize massage is for stress relief. Massage quiets the nervous system, allowing us to forge ahead with all of our responsibilities, but this is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of benefits. Massage continues to be a proven treatment protocol for so many other health and wellness concerns including:

- Health maintenance and/or health promotion
- Post-operative care
- Emotional and/or psychological disorders
- Terminal illness
- Chronic pain
- Care of the disabled
- Pre and/or post-event sports’ participation

The common thread through all of these is healthy human touch. In a society that is becoming increasingly disconnected through technology but connected through technology but more disconnected on an interpersonal level, our human systems crave and thrive to receive a healthy touch.

Spa at the J Services Manager
by Tara Aksoy, LMT

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Join Chabad for ‘Pause and Affect’ Course

The Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline is hosting “The Farewell – Women’s Rosh Chodesh Society” on Wednesday, July 11, from 7:30-9 p.m. Please email rbyaffe@gmail.com for the location. As the sun sets below the horizon and the right stars emerge, the harsh reality of the week ahead sets in, and the jet from spiritual climax to a sudden loss of serenity leaves an emotional hit. How do we best deal with the grief of transition? How can we make a safe landing from powerfully uplifting moments and get back to real life? Havdalah is an experience that encompasses all the senses; it opens our eyes to the differences between Shabbat and the week, and empowers us with the ability to integrate Shabbat into the weekwork—to balance our mundane.

Please join Rochel Bala Yaffo for Rosh Chodesh Society’s course “Pause and Affect,” where we explore Shabbat—the gift of a weekly retreat that can grant us a sense of mindfulness, community, touch-free zones, and a deeply satisfying spirituality. We will peek under the challah cover and over the Shabbat flames to see the inner, precious beauty of traditions that go beyond what the eye can see.

Class is free of charge. Course textbook $20. Donations are appreciated. Sponsor $180. Please visit jewishaerelinen.org/63982 for a list of upcoming classes.

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Lion of Judah, Pomegranate Celebration

Women’s Philanthropy Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Celebration was held on April 29 at the Gaffryn Yacht Club. Pictured from left to right: JFED Judy Aronson, Women’s Philanthropy President Dena Schachman-Green, new Lion of Judah Emanu-El Chair Stacey Trottman, and Pomegranate Lynn Brotman. Seated in guest speaker Lisa Friedman Clark, who discussed “Living with Intention.”
Temple Beth Tikvah welcomes Cantor Stanton

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Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison is excited to announce the appointment of Cantor Mark Stanton as their new Cantor Educator. He will join Rabbi Stacy Offner on July 1 as a full-time member of their clergy team.

Join Temple Beth Tikvah for Beach Shabbat at East Wharf Beach in Madison, CT

Friday, July 13, 2018

and

Friday, August 3, 2018

Services begin at six o’clock in the evening

for information contact Temple Beth Tikvah

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Did you know?

The members of our Federation’s efforts are for all walks, sometimes to our own advantage. The members who are currently working toward a request for a new boat ramp at Cedar Island Marina, for example, are not only interested in making our lives easier, but they’re also interested in getting around the area synagogues could do it this only because of Darryl’s organizational skills.

His spreadsheet and instructions are legendary at BEKI (Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel).

As a longtime leader of BEKI’s Tiqun HaOlam–Social Action Committee, Darryl has also directed the congregation’s participation in Abraham’s Tent. Years before, she organized Holocaust for Humanity build days and served on the Board of Directors of Darryl Siege’s Zv Tzedakah Fund. Darryl now represents the rabbi, religious school directors, and staff of his synagogue to create innovative and exciting spiritual, musical, and learning experiences for congregants of all ages, and he brought those same skills to running the B’nai Mitzvah program.

He has a love of programming for children, serving as visiting faculty at Florham College, and received his Bachelor of Music in 1993 at the University of Hartford School of Music.

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Goodbye to Talya & Rotem!

Women’s Philanthropy Ladies Night Out

JFS Welcomes Bunnell to its Foster Care Team

Alexis Bunnell has recently joined Jewish Family Service as part of its Therapeutic Foster Care Outreach and Recruitment Team. Alexis is working with children and families in both the JFS Foster Care and Permanent Placement Services Program (PPSP) and will also be recruiting foster parents for the JFS Foster Care program. She is currently finishing up her bachelor’s degree in Child Studies & Psychology at Post University.

Alexis wanted to be a part of this field because “I always knew in my heart that my passion was for working with children and giving back to those who need it.”

Jewish Foundation Fosters Youth Philanthropy

by Jennifer Bayer

Assistant Director of Development

This spring, the Jewish Foundation, in partnership with Amplifier Giving, the National Network of Giving Circles, ran a Pop-Up Giving Circle for JTE Students.

With the help of student leader, Samantha Hass, our next generation of philanthropists had an opportunity to talk about shared values around giving, philanthropic principles and come to consensus as a group to disburse $3,600 provided by the Jewish Foundation.

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To learn more about youth philanthropy, contact Jennifer Bayer at (203) 387-2424 ext. 320.

Upcoming Or Shalom Events Set

Shabbat on the Beach

Friday, July 27, 7 p.m.

Come to Or Shalom’s fourth annual Shabbat service on the beach. The service begins at 7 p.m., but feel free to arrive earlier and bring a picnic (if you like). This service will take place at Gulf Beach, Milford. Set your GPS for #460, Gulf St. Look for Or Shalom members on the beach alongside the inlet, to the right of the Goody’s concession. Men’s Club members will welcome you and point to where we will be recruiting for the state Dept. of Education, expressed her gratitude to JCL reading partners for sharing the love of reading, learning and conversation with their elementary New Haven Public school students.

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) held their Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Event on May 16, at the JCC. Melissa Hickey, E.D., Director of Literacy/Reading for the state Dept. of Education, expressed her gratitude to JCL reading partners for sharing the love of reading, learning and conversation with their elementary New Haven Public school students.

Storytellers of Hudson, New York, entertained and enlightened with their uniquely musical duo-style of storytelling. JCL is an award-winning project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. For more information about JCL or to get involved, contact Brenda Brenner at brenners@jewishnewhaven.org or (203) 387-2424 x306.

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Missy was born in Washington, DC. The family moved to North Haven, Connecticut, when she was just a year old. She grew up in a traditional Jewish home where the family observed Shabbat every Friday and enjoyed a special dinner together, Carol Robbins said. “She loves my brisket,” Carol Robbins remarked. “Whenever she comes home, she asks me to make it for her.”

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At 12, Missy dined at a three-star Michelin restaurant and she can still remember every detail from that experience, but she never set out to be a cook at first. Missy was an art major at Georgetown University, but an epic dinner with her family at Charlie Trotters in Chicago changed her career path forever. She said in her book that she was entranced by every detail of that meal. “That night, I decided I wanted to cook in my own restaurant just like Trotter’s,” Missy said in her book. “However, after seeing cooking at home, I had never properly held a knife!”

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Shabbat on the Beach Helps Us Live in the Moment

by Stacey Battat
JCC Society Honors Alperin, Stanger

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Shabbat on the Beach helps us live in the moment.

In our ever-accelerating, tech-driven, multi-tasking lives, the Jewish Shabbat offers us moments and rituals to keep us alive more in the moment. The transition of elevating the mundane to the sacred allows us to infuse our lives with practices that are universal tools for being human.

Join us at one or all of the Shabbat on the Beach events this summer so that you and your little ones can find time to listen, relax, and connect with the Wondrous moments of the universe.

We will meet at 6 p.m. (of course, come ahead for extra beach time) at the following locations for a PJ Shabbat story and a short musical service with the Rabbi. You are welcome to stay for the annual Shabbat on the Beach with the full congregation as well.

Please check the PJ Library Facebook page for cancellations due to weather. Look for the PJ Library lawn signs or email Stacey for more information.

Friday, July 13, 6 p.m., Cedar Lake, Chester – Join PJ Library and Rabbi Weis of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek.

Friday, July 27, 6 p.m., Walnut Beach, Milford – Join PJ Library and Rabbi Weis of Congregation Or Shalom.

Friday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m., Gulf Beach, Milford – Join PJ Library and Rabbi Fattman of Temple Emanuel. Please email Stacey at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org for more details.

Join us on the Terrace at 360 Amity Road for the return of our FREE summer music series! The tunes kick off at 5 PM and are sure to have you dancing to the beats! Kosher BBQ from Abel’s Catering will return of our FREE summer music series! The tunes kick off at 5 PM and are sure to have you dancing to the beats! Kosher BBQ from Abel’s Catering will return of our FREE summer music series! The tunes kick off at 5 PM and are sure to have you dancing to the beats! Kosher BBQ from Abel’s Catering will return of our FREE summer music series! The tunes kick off at 5 PM and are sure to have you dancing to the beats! Kosher BBQ from Abel’s Catering will...

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For information about joining the group, email the Chorale’s President Ben Judd at bjudd9752@sbcglobal.net or Secretary Rhoda Zahler Samuel at rhodasamuel1@gmail.com. If you do not sing but wish to support the continuity of Jewish choral music in our community, you can become a Friend of the CT Z’mirah Chorale, which is a 501(c)(3). Contact Ben or Rhoda for details.

by Nurit Kohl
Director of Marketing

Jacob Atiya is the founder of 24H Garage Doors – a full-service company that specializes in motorized garage door for residential, commercial and indus-

trial garages all over Connecticut.

Born in Israel and most recently from Worcester, Massachusetts, where he worked as a garage door technician for two years, he has made New Haven his home with his wife Sara and their five children, who attend Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy and Camp Gan Israel.

24H Garage Doors is a rapidly growing company. Jacob started from the ground up less than three years ago and already has three vans covering the entire state. “Customer satisfaction is at the heart of our success. We answer every call, provide same-day service, use top of the line products and parts. Most importantly, we stand behind our work and provide a warranty with our service,” says Atiya.

Atiya’s dedication to his customers is evident as he takes a few minutes during our interview to address a customer’s needs and provide excellent customer service. “Atiya makes it a priority to come to the office every day before going out into the field to sup-

port our technicians and help ensure 100 percent customer satisfaction,” as his office staff members testify.

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If you carefully look at 24H Garage Door’s logo, you will notice the letters BH at the top right, an acronym which in English stands for “Thank Our. This and the Mezuzah on their offices’ door are probably the only visible indicator that the company is a Jewish-owned establishment. The company observes Shabbat, however on Saturday night, he’s out the doors. 24H Garage Doors gives their “Tzadikim” charity to Jewish organizations in New Haven, New York and Israel.

24H Garage Door’s employees are from multiple religious backgrounds. The Jewish technicians all wear Kippahs, although you would not notice them underneath the company’s caps or hard hats they all wear as part of their professional uniforms. “The uniforms are just part of our professional standard,” explains Atiya.

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Get Ready, Get Set, Go...to the Bagel Run
by Jess Ciola
JCC Assistant Fitness Director
This fall will mark the eighth Annual Murray Lender Bagel Run. On Sunday, Sept. 16, hundreds are expected to attend the event at the newly renovated JCC building. The day is planned as a family-centered event for the entire community. It is also the foremost fundraiser that supports the Health and Wellness Center.

The Murray Lender Bagel Run was named for well known businessman, JCC benefactor and fitness enthusiast Murray Lender. The affectionately named “Bagel Run” encompasses all that Murray stood for and believed in: family, food and lots of fun. At this year’s event, participants will be greeted by staff at the JCC’s main entrance and ushered through the registration process as volunteers busy prepare the bagels, fruit and banana smoothies that the race has become known for. Outdoors, families with children of all ages can enjoy different activities, including a pre-race dance party and taking a turn on the bounce slide. Nat Steye Farm of Bethany will also offer an interactive animal program on the back lawn.

Look for JCC Mascot, Benny the Bagel, to make his arrival that morning and encourage children to head to the starting line for their very own mini-run. Benny is always the star that day as he cheers on runners of all ages and poses for photos. In 2017, Benny greeted over 300 runners, walkers and families from communities as far away as Graham and New London. The Bagel Run has been listed as one of the best 5ks in the state and is well known in the area as a family friendly event that takes runners through scenic Woodbridge.

Thanks to the Bagel Run’s outstanding reputation, the race committee is expecting even more runners this year. Racers of all ages love the bagel medals given to all participants. Only a lucky few will earn the gold, silver, or bronze bagel medal… maybe this year it will be you?

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JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x4296, graciek@jccnh.org.
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Annual Meeting: Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC of Greater New Haven, July 30, 7-9 p.m., Free, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Jennifer Yurman, (203) 387-2424 x4296, jyurman@jewishnewhaven.org.
Shabat on the Beach with PJ Library, July 19, 7-9 p.m., $35/class for community, Temple Beth David, 3 Main Street, Cheshire, Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x4296, graciek@jccnh.org.
Shabat on the Beach with PJ Library, August 5, 12-5 p.m., Free, The Guilford Green, Guilford, Contact: (203) 533-7495, chabad@snet.net, pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org.

For more info, go to jewishnewhaven.org/events or jccnh.org/events.

Area Students Named to Hebrew High School of NE Honor Roll
West Hartford, CT – Dr. Richard B. Nadel, Interim Head of General Studies at Hebrew High School of New England, announced the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2018-2019 academic year. Here are the students from the Greater New Haven area:

HIGH HONORS WERE ACHIEVED BY: Batya Koenigslag & Liya Simon
HONORS WERE ACHIEVED BY: Jacob Hasbani, Raphaela Hyman & Rebecca Hyman

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July
Mediterranean Meals Cooking Series, July 2, 7-9 p.m., $25/class, for members. $30/class for community.
JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x4296, graciek@jccnh.org.
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Our Young Entertainers Take Manhattan recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with friends and family who travelled from Israel to see her read from the Torah at Congregation B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge.

Recently, our community observed Yom Hashoah to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust at The Towers. I made a point to visit the Holocaust Memorial at 491 Whalley Ave. in New Haven before the event. As I approached the memorial, there was something not feeling as it should. I noticed that the memorial could use some attention. The monument’s walls and inscriptions were looking dark from several long winters and the plantings needed some attention.

As I reflected on the significance of the site and the six million lost lives it is there to honor, I felt it too needed some care.

When I returned to The Towers, I shared my thoughts about the memorial with our team. They fully understood the importance of this memorial to our community and quickly jumped at the opportunity to help. Jesse Wescott, our new Director of Operations, met with Board members of the Holocaust Memorial of New Haven, Doris Zelinsky and Marvin Cohen. Zelinsky, Cohen and other Board members of the Holocaust Memorial, Fay Sheppard and Eric Epstein, have collaborated for countless years to help support the memorial. Through their support and guidance, The Towers team learned how to best care for the memorial and got right to work.

The team loaded a truck with a pressure washer, cleaning and gardening supplies. They spent three days carefully and meticulously power washing and tending the garden beds. They were cheered on by passersby as they were regaled by honking horns in support of their efforts.

Thanks to the efforts of the whole team, now as I approach the refreshed memorial, I feel such gratitude for all those who have cared for this space throughout the decades and for The Towers team of individuals who eagerly stepped forward to do their part in maintaining this unique landmark.

I suggest you consider making a point to visit the Holocaust Memorial this summer. It’s a treasure of our community and it is worth the visit.

The Towers Never Forgets… Our Holocaust Memorial
Welcome to America

Winged Warriors Help Israel Win 1948 War
By Yelena Gerovich
New American Acculturation Coordinator

Seventy years ago, a top-secret communications project helped Israel win a war. It involved carrier doves, which delivered critical messages from the battlefront to Israeli military headquarters during the 1948 war after the new state declared independence and was attacked by Syria, Egypt and Jordan. Lacking communication devices during the war, the Israeli forces relied on a clandestine network of doves to spread news across the country, and ran "dove" courses for soldiers. Counting on the dove's ability to return to their home dovecote, as the armies have done long, the Israeli soldiers flew them from the heart of the battle - this time carrying encrypted messages.

The recently restored dovecote in Kibbutz Gat Brenner is today an educational centre devoted to the winged warriors. You can visit to see how Israeli started from nothing, with a dove, to what it has achieved today, with satellites.

Many programs that the New American Acculturation Program offers to our community and across the Federation movement. This program will help members of our caring community! It was one of the most successful human rights movements to free Soviet Jews. It was one of the most successful human rights movements of the 20th century. The strategy of "winged warriors" in the Israeli army was used to deliver messages and strategically important documents. The carriers were trained to deliver messages even when the messages were encrypted.

In May of 2013, without any plan, Robbins made a brave choice to leave A Voce and worked as executive chef, earned two Michelin stars during her time there. She cooked several meals for the Obamas at Spiagga. A Voce's two locations, where Robbins worked, were praised by the New York Times. She credits Mantuano as her mentor. She also performed at B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. The concert featured B'nai Jacob's Zamir Noded, the premier young adult Jewish choir in the world, performing in Washington. The concert featured B'nai Jacob's Zamir Noded, the premier young adult Jewish choir in the world, performing in Washington.
Come say hello to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the JCC and the Jewish Foundation at their table.

Activities for all ages including:
- Story walk with PJ Library
- JCC arts and crafts... make your own Dead Sea scrub!
- Information on all JCC programs
- Jewish Federation photo booth
- Free massages with JCC Fitness